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**VIA FAX & U.S. MAIL**

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RE: Blackwater Security Consulting, LLC, et al. v. Nordan, etc.  
Arbitration No.: 05 181 T 00524 06

Dear Ms. Omame:

In your letter dated January 18, 2007, you have requested that our office respond to the proposed list of arbitrators. Please be advised that, while reserving all rights, Richard P. Nordan, as Ancillary Administrator for the Separate Estates of Stephen S. Helvenston, Mike R. Teague, Jerko Gerald Zovko and Wesley J.K. Batalona, hereby objects to all of the arbitrators on the list in that the ICDR is without jurisdiction over this matter because the subject claim is a compulsory counterclaim to a pending state court action in North Carolina (Case No. 05CV000173). There is currently a motion to dismiss pending in federal court in North Carolina (Case No. 2:06cv49) and with the ICDR. Since the ICDR is without jurisdiction over this claim, no arbitrator from the list can be selected to hear this case.

Very truly yours,



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